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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2832**

Attorney's Docket No. NC065-US1/5487-123

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

In re: Puigcerver et al.  
Serial No. 09/877,654  
Filing Date: June 8, 2001

Confirmation No.: 9502  
Group Art Unit: 2832  
Examiner: Jennifer A. Poker

For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR PROTECTING WINDINGS  
AROUND A SHARP EDGED CORE

Date: May 13, 2004

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present response to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2003 and Advisory Action mailed May 7, 2004 and pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.